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Ms. Cheryl Austein Casnoff
Director, Division of State Children's Health Insurance
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7500 Security Boulevard, Mail Stop S2-01-16
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RE: New Mexico – Section 1115 Demonstration Project (No. 11-W-0012416)

Dear Ms. Casnoff:

New Mexico requests a three (3) year extension to our above cited Section 1115 Demonstration Project, which allows New Mexico to cover children with income between 185 and 235 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

New Mexico's State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) was originally approved in January, 1999. Subsequently, CMS approved several amendments. Within 30 days from the date of this request, we will forward all substantiating documentation showing that New Mexico has complied with all of CMS' Terms and Conditions to which we agreed. The provision regarding public notice will also be addressed, per the Federal Register, which you provided to us in your earlier correspondence dated November 10, 2003.

Please do not hesitate to contact Rebecca Schwarz at (505) 476-6818, if you need additional information.

Sincerely,


Director

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xc: Gary Martin, CMS, R.O.